GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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HINDI PRACHAR SABHA
Subbarayan Shri K.

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether P.R. Das Gupta Committee has submitted its recommendations to the Government with regard to the administration of the Hindi Prachar Sabha;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the committee;

(c) whether such recommendations have been implemented;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the time by which these recommendations are likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a): Yes, Sir

(b) : The broad recommendations of the Committee are given at Annexure-A.

(c) to (f) : The recommendations of the Committee were examined by the Govt. and it was decided to obtain the views of the UGC on Section 3 of the UGC Act. The UGC vide letter dated 12.11.2007 informed that the Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha (DBHPS) be requested to submit the proposal for Deemed to be University status to the Ministry of HRD as per the UGC guidelines and format prescribed for the purpose.Accordingly,the Department of Higher Education vide letter No.8-6/2004-CHD dated 30.11.2007 has informed the Registrar, DBHPS, Chennai, to apply for seeking Deemed University status through the Ministry of HRD as per the UGC guidelines and prescribed format, after securing the approval of its Governing Body/Executive Committee. In the meeting of the Shashi Parishad of DBHPS held from 15.9.2008 to 20.9.2008, it has been decided to send the proposal in the prescribed format of the UGC.The said proposal has not been received by the Ministry of HRD as yet.

Annexure-A

Annexure referred in Part (b) of the Reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3450 for 23.12.2008 regarding Hindi Prachar Sabha asked by Shri K.Subbarayan

THE BROAD RECOMMENDATIONS OF P.R. DAS GUPTA COMMITTEE ON THE DAKSHIN BHARAT HINDI PRACHAR SABHA (DBHPS), CHENNAI AND ITS BRANCHES ARE AS UNDER:

The The Sabha has done a remarkable job strengthening knowledge and usage of Hindi throughout India. However, despite this long history, a sense of ennui and lethargy has set in.

Prantiya Sabhas have been set up and whatever the legality of their existence,they have come to stay.

The Karnataka Prantiya Sabha,Dharwar,has amended its constitution,in a move which may not be strictly correct,to adopt and maintain professional colleges (Engineering,Medical colleges,etc.) where Hindi could also be taught.Though this amendment may appear to be taking the Sabha away from its core mandate,it also appears that these activities are the most prominent of the Sabha`s activities.In any case,the professional colleges set up in Karnataka actually teach professional courses in Hindi.

The office itself needs substantial administrative reforms and recommends immediate commissioning of an Organisation and Method (O&M) study.